

# Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) Membership Balance Plan

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<b>(1) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME</b> <i>State the legal name of the FAC</i>
Technological Advisory Council
<b>(2) AUTHORITY</b> <i>Identify the authority for establishing the FAC</i>
The Council was established at the direction of the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2
<b>(3) MISSION/FUNCTION</b> <i>Describe the mission/function of the FAC</i>
The purpose of the TAC is to provide technical advice to the Federal Communications Commission and to make recommendations on the issues and questions presented to it by the FCC. Rapid advances in technology have resulted in innovations in how telecommunications services are provided to, and are accessed by, users of those services. Regulations must be examined in light of these technology advances, and the FCC must remain abreast of new developments in technology so that it can effectively fulfill its responsibilities under the Communications Act. The TAC will focus on key issues affecting the deployment of new broadband technologies and services seeking to spur opportunities for innovation, greater efficiencies, and job creation.
<b>(4) POINTS OF VIEW</b> <i>Based on understanding the purpose of the FAC,</i> <i>(a) describe the process that will be used to ensure the committee is balanced, and identify the categories (e.g. individual expertise or represented interests) from which candidates will be considered;</i> <i>(b) consider identifying an anticipated relative distribution of candidates across the categories; and</i> <i>(c) explain how a determination was made to appoint any individuals as Special Government Employees or Representative members</i>
Members of the Committee, including the TAC Chairperson, will be appointed by the Chairman of the Commission. Members of the TAC will be appointed either as a representative of an organization or as a Special Government Employee, as appropriate to their role on the Council. Members will be recognized experts in their fields and, for representatives of private sector organizations, individuals who hold technical leadership positions such as Chief Technical Officer. Members will be selected to balance the expertise and viewpoints that are necessary to address effectively the new technology issues that will be referred to the TAC.
<b>(5) OTHER BALANCE FACTORS</b> <i>List any other factors your agency identifies as important in achieving a balanced FAC</i>
The Commission is particularly interested in appointing members from the following categories in order to achieve a balanced TAC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Communications service providers and organizations representing communications service providers, including wireline and wireless communications service providers, broadcast radio and television licensees, cable television operators and other multichannel video programming distributors, satellite communications service providers,</li></ul>

interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol and other IP-enabled service providers, and Internet Service Providers.

- Scientists and engineers from academia, or who serve as independent consultants, who are recognized experts in their field.
- State, local, rural and tribal government representatives with expertise in communications technology.

Members of the financial community with expertise in communications technology and technology funding

Qualified representatives of other stakeholders and interested parties with relevant expertise.

#### **(6) CANDIDATE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS**

*Summarize the process intended to be used to identify candidates for the FAC, key resources expected to be tapped to identify candidates and the key persons (by position, not name) who will evaluate FAC balance. The summary should:*

- (a) describe the process*
- (b) identify the agency key staff involved (by position, not name)*
- (c) briefly describe how FAC vacancies, if any, will be handled by the agency; and*
- (d) state the membership term limit of FAC members, if applicable*

The Federal Communications Commission will solicit from the current members of the TAC their interest in continuing to serve during the next two year term. If necessary to fill vacancies and reestablish balanced membership on the council, nominations and expressions of interest may be sought through a Public Notice. As council members may not be registered federal lobbyists, nominees who are registered federal lobbyists will not be considered. No specific nomination form is required; however, each nomination must include the following information:

- . The name and title of the applicant or nominee and a description of the interest the applicant or nominee will represent;
- . the applicant's or nominee's mail address, e-mail address, telephone number, and facsimile number (where available);
- . reasons why the applicant or nominee should be appointed to the Council; and
- . the basis for determining the applicant or nominee has achieved peer recognition as a technical expert.

In addition, the nomination should include a statement confirming that the nominee is not a registered federal lobbyist.

Members will be appointed for a term not to exceed the expiration date of the Committee's charter. Nominations and expressions of interest will be reviewed by the Committee's Designated Federal Officer who will make recommendations for membership to the FCC Chair

#### **(7) SUBCOMMITTEE BALANCE**

*Subcommittees subject to FACA\* should either state that the process for determining FAC member balance on subcommittees is the same as the process for the parent FAC, or describe how it is different*

*\*This is relevant to those agencies that require their subcommittees to follow all FACA requirements.*

When the need arises to form subcommittees of the TAC, members will be asked to serve as appropriate or to recommend representatives from their organizations. The DFO, in consultation with the FCC Chairman, will monitor membership balance in the formation of subcommittees to

ensure that the balance mirrors that of the committee itself.

**(8) OTHER**

*Provide any additional information that supports the balance of the FAC*

None

**(9) DATE PREPARED/UPDATED**

*Insert the actual date the Membership Balance Plan was initially prepared, along with the date(s) the Plan is updated*

April 1, 2015